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SUBJ: CIVAIR: IRAN AIR PLANS TO FLY TO US; IRAN AIR'S CONCERN
ABOUT CHARTER FLIGHTS UNDER NEW CAB PERMIT

1. IRAN AIR MANAGING DIRECTOR GEN KHADEMI AND OTHER IRAN AIR OFFICIALS TOLD RCAA AND EMBOFF ON MAY 29 THAT IRAN AIR WOULD COMMENCE ITS SCHEDULED SERVICE FROM TEHRAN VIA LONDON TO NEW YORK ON OR ABOUT MAY 1, 1975. INITIALLY SERVICE WOULD BE THREE TIMES WEEKLY, LATER INCREASED TO FIVE OR SIX TIMES A WEEK (GEN KHADEMI SAID HE FAVORS DAILY SERVICE, OR AT LEAST SIX TIMES A WEEK, BUT SOME OF HIS ASSOCIATES CONSIDER THIS EXCESSIVE). BOEING 747 WOULD BE DEPLOYED ON SOME NEW YORK SERVICES BUT 707 WOULD ALSO BE USED. PARIS WOULD ALSO BE ADDED AS INTERMEDIATE POINT.

2. DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR HOUSHANG TOJODAD STATED THAT SERVICE TO LOS ANGELES WOULD COMMENCE "AT LEAST TWO YEARS LATER" THAN SERVICE TO NEW YORK. HE ALSO STATED THAT IRAN AIR STILL INTERESTED IN CHICAGO, VICE DETROIT BUT DID NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION WHEN, OR IF, IRAN AIR WILL REOPEN THIS POINT. RCAA REMINDED TOJODAD OF GENEROUS CONCESSION WHICH LOS ANGELES REPRESENTED FOR IRAN AIR.

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3. TAJODAD AND IRAN AIR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DIRECTOR KHALILI

BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF IRAN AIR'S RECENTLY GRANTED CAB PERMIT AND PROVIDED EMBOFF WITH COPY OF OPINION. THEY FOCUSED ON FACT THAT CAB UNDER PART 212 HAD LIMITED CHARTER OPERATIONS, AS IT DID IN BRITISH CALEDONIA CASE, TO PRIOR APPROVAL AND WONDERED WHY (TAJODAD WAS EVEN UNDER MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT CHARTERS PROHIBITED, AND EMBOFF CORRECTED HIM ON THIS). EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT CAB HAD UNDOUBTEDLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN QUALIFYING CHARTER APPROVAL THAT US CARRIERS HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY WITH IRAN AIR OVER LATTER'S NON-OBJECTION FEE. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT WE CONSIDER NON-OBJECTION FEE DISCRIMINATORY. TAJODAD AND KHALILI SAID IRAN AIR PLANS AT LEAST 15 CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM US THIS SUMMER (14 FROM NEW YORK AND 1 FROM CHICAGO) BEGINNING JUNE 6. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE TWO OR THREE MORE CHARTER FLIGHTS ADDED. EMBOFF TOLD KHALILI THAT IN EVENT HE RUNS INTO DIFFICULTY ON CHARTER APPROVALS HE SHOULD CONTACT EMBOFF, JUST AS LATTER HAS REQUESTED IRANIAN SIDE COOPERATION IN CLEARING US FLIGHTS. KHALILI STATED THEIR US ATTORNEY HAS ADVISED HIM THAT WHILE LIMITATION UNDER 212 NOT NORMAL CAB PRACTICE, HE FORESEES NO DIFFICULTY IN THEIR OBTAINING CHARTER APROVAL. GEN KHADEMI DID NOT RAISE ISSUE IN IS CONVERSATIONS WITH RCAA AND EMBOFF.

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